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SUBJECT: REACTION TO CUT IN US SUGAR QUOTA

1. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE REPORTED IN DETAIL REUTERS STORY FROM PORT-OF-SPAIN ON ALLEGATIONS THAT REDUCTION IN WEST INDIES' SUGAR QUOTA IS "RETROACTIVE PUNISHMENT" BUT HAVE ORIGINATED VIRTUALLY NO EDITORIAL COMMENT THEMSELVES. GOVERNMENT-OWNED CHRONICLE CARRIED STORY THIS MORNING UNDER HEADLINE "TIES WITH CUBA BLAMED FOR SUGAR SQUEEZE" WHILE INDEPENDENT GRAPHIC SAID "US QUOTA CUT, RETROACTIVE PUNISHMENT." REUTERSTORY BASED ON COMMENTS BY NORMAL GIRWAR, DESCRIBED AS PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF CARIBBEAN CANE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION, AND UNIDENTIFIED "OFFICIALS IN THE TRINIDAD SUGAR INDUSTRY." LATTER QUOTED AS ASSERTING THAT REDUCTION NOT DUE TO SHORTFALLS IN 1972 AND 1973 BUT "BECAUSE OF THE MOVES FOR CLOSER TIES WITH FIDEL CASTRO'S SOCIALIST REPUBLIC." ONE OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY SAID "THE UNITED STATES IS HOPPING MAD" OVER RAPPROCHEMENT OF FOUR CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WITH CUBA. FACT THAT PM'S MANLEY AND BURNHAM WENT TO ALGIERS WITH CASTRO "IS ENOUGH TO ROUSE THE IRE OF UNCLE SAM." GIRWAR

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DESCRIBED US ACTION AS "SELECTIVE NON-ENFORCEMENT" IN CASES OF

PERU AND BOLIVIA AND "RETROACTIVE PUNISHMENT " FOR CARIBBEAN.

2. NEITHER BURNHAM NOR ANY OTHER GOF OFFICIAL TOOK OCCASION
OF LARGE RECEPTION LAST NIGHT TO MENTION SUGAR QUOTA TO ME,
ALTHOUGH I CHATTED WITH FORMER FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES OR SO AND
ENCOUNTERED MANY OF LATTER.KING

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